Karizmah Magwood graduates from **Troy University**



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> Ted vignola produces giant watermelon



Blackmon catches a mess of fish at Coffee **County Lake**



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New Brockton Council votes to provide support to town's fire department with monthly \$500 payment

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council voted Monday night, Aug. 3, to support the town's fire department with being able to meet equip-

Following up on a discussion held by the council at Brockton. The statement its last work session, a mo- noted only one candidate tion was made and ap- qualified for the office of proved Monday night for mayor, and council seats for the town to provide a \$500 payment per month to the and District Five. The state-New Brockton Fire Department to help the department candidates had qualified for with purchases of equip- election in the New Brockment needed to better serve ton Council, District Four, the community in times of race while no one qualified

nod to a business Monday night by voting to approve a request to allow alcohol Election, the council ap-The Craft Bar and Grill in Certificates for "Elected Enterprise plan to open the tion of Frogz.

day - Friday for lunch and also each Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. She said the owners had made application to be able to financial report, the town

have alcohol sales at the res- clerk noted the general fund taurant, and that request was had a balance of \$280,342 formally approved Monday at the end of July, and in-

Town clerk Debbie Andrews announced the town's Statement of Election for allow the clerk to pay the the Aug. 25th Municipal town's regular monthly bills Election to be held in New District One, District Three, ment further noted that two for the New Brockton Town The council also gave a Council, District Two race.

Following the introduction of the Statement of sales for a new restaurant proved individual rescoming to town. Owners of olutions to provide Without Opposition" to Outpost Restaurant in New Mayor Kathryn Holley; Brockton at the former loca- Town Council member Ronald Terry, District One; Mayor Kathy Holley said Town Council member the Outpost Restaurant Ralph Medley, District would be open each Mon- Three; and Town Council member Shirley Eads, District 5 for the 2020 Municipal Election.

Looking at the monthly

come for the month had been just under \$29,000.

The council voted to for the month of August estimated at just over \$17,400. The figure was estimated due to not all bills being received as of Monday night's council meeting.

Mayor Holley noted that a total of

Also during the meeting, the council approved a resolution naming the poll workers for New Brockton's Municipal Election set for Tuesday, Aug. 25th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day.

> NOTICE: A Mayoral Forum will

town Elba at 7 p.m. This will include all

be held Thursday, Aug. 20, on the square in down-

three candidates vying for the Office of Mayor in the Aug. 25, 2020 municipal election. The candidates include: Chelsea Cooper. Tim Johnson, and Tom Maddox. See Page 5 for more information.

Local youngsters kept their imaginations busy this summer with Elba Public Library reading program

Program at the Elba Public Library may have been a little different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that did not prevent local children from opening a book or books.

Gone this year were the numerous programs held at the library for children and story times with visits from different performers throughout the summer. Instead, this year the Elba Public Library provided children with activity packets each week for the 6week program.

In each packet was at least one book, activities and supplies for children and their families to do, to go along with the theme of the book that week. STEAM Packets were also given out several weeks. In the STEAM packets children were given supplies needed to conduct a STEAM experiment at home.

Fifth and sixth graders were eligible to participate in "The Summer of Kindness." Wonder, by RJ Palacio, books were given to children and they were encouraged to choose kindness throughout the summer by doing good deeds for

"We had 34 children reg- to work! ister for the Summer Learning Program," said Jennifer Amlong, Elba Public Library director. "More that 500 library books were checked out during our program."

Pre-school – Sixth grade participated in the program this year. Amlong said over 123 free books were given out to children who participated. Also, she said 79 activity packets and 51 STEAM packets were given

Books also were given out for children to do book reports where Amlong said the participating children could write a summary or



Hudson Wood [preschool] read a whopping total of 51 books during the Elba Public Library's Summer Learning Program. It was a family affair too as Hudson received help from his family. See additional photos on Page 10.

draw pictures of what the books taught them. She said this was a great way to put the children's imaginations

All in all, Amlong said, while different, this year's Summer Reading Program for the Elba Public Library remained a huge success.

Area Happenings

Elba City Schools and Coffee County School [Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton] will all open the doors to the return of students Monday, Aug. 10, for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and safety regulations in place, each school will have certain criteria that must be followed for the return of students to the classroom. Be sure to check with the proper school for any information on their individual "Plan for Reopening" if that information has not previously been pro-

Due to the current Safer-at-Home Order in place for Alabama that requires facial coverings in public buildings, face masks are required for students ages Second Grade through the 12 Grade at the schools.



This chalk art creation by local teen Melanie Diehl, a Zion Chapel student, was created recently in front of the law office of Alyse Fowler on the square in Elba. It is one of many created by Diehl in Elba over the past few months, and while she says it is hard to pick a favorite, Melanie admitted this might be it for now. See more on Page 9.

Local teen 'chalking it up' around Elba's downtown square and more

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Animated characters began showing up on the has been a huge sidewalks around the square part of Melanie's in downtown Elba and other growing fan base areas earlier this summer in the form of pop-up chalk art friends and others scenes, courtesy of local updated on Melteenager - Melanie Diehl.

drawing," Diehl said. "My media Facebook granddad was really good at posts. One recent drawing. My stepdad is a post from Shawn tattoo artist, and my mom is read, "What can I

She said she began draw- to chalk then ing and painting last daddy summer, and her love for art chalking!" has only grown.

When chalk art became a popular thing during the COVID-19 quarantine earlier this year, Diehl said her mits that she is dad, Shawn Diehl, suggested she do it. She had watched YouTube videos on hard for her to the art and decided to give it

So...to downtown Elba Melanie and Dad came really liking a scene she around early June. Since chalked on the square in then, Diehl chalk art creations have steadily garnered attention and fans. She said she has even started getting special requests for her chalk art.

"I just figured this would be some fun to do after work, school, etc., and it is a great way to spend time with my dad," Diehl said. "Dad has been my biggest supporter so far. He has been buying out all the chalk around here, and he

just upgraded my Dad's support

as Dad keeps his anie's creations "I've always enjoyed via his social

> Diehl said the growing attention has been great too, but she adher biggest critic; therefore, it is pick out 'favor-

ites' from her work. However, she did admit to front of the law office of Alyse Fowler (Simmons Street side) of the lightning bug [Ray the Firefly] from "The Princess and the Frog"

The soon-to-be 17-yearold said she has enjoyed drawing and creating the art scenes so much so that, "If I was to go to college, I would love to go to art school. I am self-taught right now." Diehl said the available

Melanie Diehl says she has loved creating chalk art around the square in Elba this summer.

spots for more chalk art around the downtown square in Elba are growing smaller, but she said she still has some new ideas for other spots. Also, she said she is now working to piece the art she had done together and have more of a theme to it.

Also, she said she and her dad have been thinking about expanding her chalk art creations to nearby Troy as well.

While the public interest in Diehl's artwork has been exciting to her, she said more than anything she is just enjoying having fun and spending time with her dad. However, she said the special requests that have started to come in are super cool too!

"I've had a few people ask me to come chalk at their houses," Diehl said. 'And, someone wants me to do a birthday chalk draw-

Diehl said she looks forward to continuing to create the chalk art here locally. Anyone interested in following her work can do so Instagram at mel.yeah.art [and she said dad will most likely keep posting too on his personal Facebook page].

Melanie said she also will accept requests for her chalk art at the mel.yeah.art Instagram page. Just send her a message.

To get a firsthand look at Melanie Diehl's chalk art, just take a walk around the sidewalks of Elba's downtown square.



Alabama Farmers Federation employees Russ Durrance and Marlee Moore (right) delivered the Bama's Best Pulled Pork championship plaque and a cash prize last Thursday, July 30, to Elba's JJ's BBQ. Accepting the winnings were owner Chequita Walker along with her daughter Amber and son Josiah [the restaurant's namesakel

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them." - Ann Landers

Family gatherings, reunions, parties, etc., have been asso- The Elba Police Departciated with far too many cases of COVID-19. Experts are ment, between Tuesday, citing case after case of large groups (15 to 35) and even a July 21, and Monday, Aug. dinner party for six in one state are causing many, if not all, 3, 2020, conducted the folof the new cases of the virus. The party of six at the dinner lowing activity: party led to one death and another on life support. One TUESDAY, JULY 28 family gathering where all thought they were free of the Suspicious person reported virus now gets credit for 41 cases with the original group in area of 595 Collier St transmitting to others who then transmitted it down the (6:56 a.m.); Animal comroad. Oh, and the Texas guy who laughed it off as a Demo-plaint reported from 4675 crat hoax and insisted on a family gathering, joined several Hwy 84 (8:27 a.m.); Doother family members in a hospital ward, and said to his felmestic complaint reported low patients, "I am sorry." He probably is truly sorry, but at 669 Reynolds Ave (9:54 that will not cure this deadly virus! Be careful, Be safe, a.m.); Domestic complaint Wash your hands, Wear your mask. Sure you may get reported at 669 Reynolds laughed at, etc., but don't let that stop you from trying to Ave (10:19 a.m.); Domestic stay alive promise the funny guys a get-well card complaint reported on Lee when they are in the hospital! Then move on and pray that St (10:35 a.m.); Theft of were three traffic stops re-sault reported at 6445 Hwy you have covered all your bases.

We personally know a family (like over 60 years) that insisted on holding their annual family reunion at the beach several weeks ago. Well the grandpa of that group died in a Dr (6:18 p.m.). Dothan hospital several days ago with COVID 19. His wife, 'almost' a cousin of ours, only got to see him in his very 29 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy last hours in the hospital, which is always very taxing on close family members.

Fellow citizens who are grumbling about being forced to wear a mask and saying, "it is unconstitutional" or "it violates my rights as a citizen", need to read up on the federal court decisions on that matter. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of such rules when it benefits society as a whole . . . or something like that. In other words, ves they can pass laws to protect you and me if we will not protect

A personal friend and long-time reader of The Elba Clipper Luther King Dr (3:42 p.m.); mestic complaint reported mailed in his renewal check last week with a note asking if Suspicious circumstances at 1277 Neil Grantham Dr he could get a reduced rate by promising NOT to read reported on Forest Ave (6:14 p.m.); Noise com-'Brainstorms'. That question has rolled around in our head (6:47 p.m.). There were two plaint reported at 711 Bufor several days and the answer probably should be an offer traffic stops on this date ford St (8:22 p.m.); for a reduced rate if he WOULD read Brainstorms and adopt a fair number of our ideas as his own! The world would probably be a better place and of course we believe he would actually be a better person! That advice is free and it is your move old buddy of mine :-)

The 203 Bypass is slowly, oh so slowly, moving toward completion. Right now it appears that when work on the upgrading of the older 2-lane part of the bypass gets done, they will actually be finished! When this 4-laning project was announced years ago, the late Drexel Cook said, "Cox, you and I will not live to see that project completed." We scoffed at that idea, but he was at least half right - he passed away. Then who knows how much longer it will take to actually complete the work or how much longer this old guy has on this earth. However, I still scoff at the thought that neither of us will see it finished.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

property reported at 579 Johnson St (2:50 p.m.); sued on all. Trespassing reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Report of shots fired in area and one report taken.

Kinston (3:55 a.m.); Ani-Dr (8:00 a.m.); Animal p.m.); Suspicious person re- rassment reported at 315 ported at 342 N Court St Sawyer St (2:10 p.m.); Aniwith one warning issued Suspicious vehicle reported and one no action taken. at 418 Moore Ave (10:33

THURSDAY, JULY 30 p.m.); Prowler reported in - Criminal mischief re- area of Neil Grantham Dr

Animal complaint reported warning issued. on Harper Dr (9:16 a.m.); at 322 Davis St E (10:01 cations reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (11:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 627 Lee St (1:27

of 1647 Reese Ave (12:59 WEDNESDAY, JULY a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 145 Russell St in (8:41 a.m.); Suspicious veported at 737 Lee St (10:05 County Rd 367 (12:22 Gray St (12:48 p.m.); Ha-(2:42 p.m.); Trespassing re- mal complaint reported on ported at 1425 Martin Reese Ave (3:26 p.m.); Do-

Factory Ave (8:46 a.m.); traffic stop reported with a Claxton Ave N (7:24 p.m.).

Suspicious person reported Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (12:40 a.m.); at 1620 Boswell St (1:05 Suspicious circumstances a.m.); Harassing communi- a.m.); Animal complaint re- reported at 213 Taylor Ave ported at 1013 Hickman (1:05 a.m.); Domestic com-Ave (10:08 a.m.); Reckless plaint reported at 490 driver reported on Davis St County Rd 263 (11:05 E - vehicle located and a.m.); Harassment reported p.m.); Domestic complaint driver given a verbal warn- at 1211 Caroline St (11:54 reported at the Riviera ing (12:34 p.m.); Stolen ve- a.m.); Criminal mischief re-Motel on Yelverton Ave hicle reported at 1210 ported at 144 Hwy 203 (10:16 p.m.); Prowler re- Whitman St (12:41 p.m.); (3:58 p.m.). here was one ported in area of County Rd Animal complaint reported traffic stop resulting in a 404 (10:48 p.m.). There on Hwy 84 (6:08 p.m.); Asported with a warning is- 125 (8:10 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported FRIDAY, JULY 31 - with one warning issued

SUNDAY, AUG. 2 -Traumatic injury reported at 248 Larkin Rd (12:41 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported hicle reported on County at the Elba Car Wash on mal complaint reported at Rd 474 in Kinston (8:56 Hickman Ave (3:49 a.m.); 1018 Martin Luther King a.m.); Animal complaint re- Suspicious vehicle reported at Burger King on Claxton complaint reported at 331 a.m.); Animal complaint on Ave (3:57 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 237 County Rd 223, New Brockton (10:03 a.m.); Dis-

ported at Mike's Gym on (11:58 p.m.). There was one turbance reported at 632

MONDAY, AUG. 3 -SATURDAY, AUG. 1 - Suspicious vehicle reported

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LBW Community College announces Fall plan

with a modified instruc- Chris Cox. tional schedule, including

Nov. 20.

The maximum enroll- ment. hybrid format.

Lurleen B. Wallace every precaution is in place Guidelines for students College to ensure a safe and residing in on-campus (LBWCC) will welcome healthy environment for housing will include temstudents back for the fall students," said LBWCC perature checks and quessemester on August 17 Interim President, Dr. tionnaire protocols.

minimum physical dis- faces, chairs, tables, gen- of students. ing will be delivered in a all individuals entering line at lbwcc.edu. buildings will be done with For questions, please 36323. Hayes Funeral "We want to make sure non-contact thermometers. call 334-222-6591.

Governor Ivey announces \$100 million small business grant program to 'Revive Alabama'

Revive Alabama grant roaring once again." program to support small Alabama COVID-19.

reimburse small businesses Alabama Act 2020-199 up to a combined \$100 designated up to \$300 million for expenses they million of the Coronavirus have incurred due to Relief Fund for individuals, operational interruptions businesses, non-profit and caused by the pandemic faith-based organizations and related business directly impacted by the closures.

businesses were hit the may receive up to \$15,000 hardest from the to reimburse these coronavirus pandemic," expenses if they have not Governor Ivey said. received federal assistance "Ensuring these owners for the corresponding item have every opportunity to they are claiming with the recoup expenses incurred state of Alabama. There is due the disruption of no set cap on the number of

respond to and mitigate the Revive Alabama will coronavirus pandemic. coronavirus pandemic.

"A lady never discusses

"You go, girl!" was Lou

Cuzin Lou Lou's

Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant

for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

last week when she came her age or her figure - a

across a headline noting a true gentleman doesn't

male state school board either," the governor re-

Cuzin Lou Lou just about say]!

member had made a public sponded!

spit her coffee out one day

comment on the governor's

Yonder?!?!?" Lou Lou ex-

the matter at hand! Ridicul-

Sister was certain some-

thing was wrong with Lou

Lou after hearing her pro-

found shriek of discontent,

"What has happened?"

Lou Lou explained how

the Alabama School Board

member - a Mr. Wayne

Reynolds - had commented

during a live stream of the

governor's press confer-

ence last Wednesday morning that "she is gaining

weight" in reference to

Governor Ivey's appearance

thing!" Lou Lou was indig-

the comment was unnec-

quoted as saying, "She

looked heavy in that white

she weighs. I don't know

how much she weighs. I just

comes to such matters! The

governor's response quickly

calmed the seas and made

Lou Lou laugh out loud [LOL

as the young folks would

made an observation."

on camera.

nant.

so, she came running!

Sister asked in concern.

weight!

ous!!"

received Grants will be awarded to "Goat" Marler. businesses in Alabama that approximately \$1.9 billion qualifying applicants on a Survivors include her have been impacted by of CARES Act funding to first-come-first-served son: Jeff (Dixie) Boutwell, basis until the funds are Elba; daughter: Brandy exhausted.

(ALDOR) Revive Alabama website. The application dren. period for the Revive Alabama Small Business FRANCES LUVENIA "In many ways, our small Qualifying businesses Grant Program will open at noon on July 16, 2020 and run through midnight on July 25, 2020.

> All applicants must first applications.

business must have its own MAT account to apply for a Revive Alabama Small Business Grant. Tax preparers may not apply for grants on behalf of their clients but may be able to assist potential applicants with information needed to establish their own MAT

Lou's reaction to Governor "What in the name of Ivey response! Later on...Reynolds did claimed. "That has abso- apologize indicating his inilutely nothing to do with tial response was to acknowledge the governor looks healthy after recovering from her cancer treatment and that he was glad to see her doing so well. He said he too was a cancer survivor, which makes him aware of the toll cancer treatment can take on the

> thing." Good come back, Lou Lou conceded. But...that could have been said to begin with and avoided the 'misinterpretation' of his original comment.

body, so thriving after

cancer treatment is a good

While Lou Lou is always happy to hear of anyone re-"How dare he say such a covering from the "big C", she's still got a lingering feeling the follow up com-Sister too was appalled ment was Mr. Reynolds save by the "observation" as face apology after jumping Reynolds would call it in an directly off into a hot pot of interview. She didn't fly off grease! Next time, maybe he will think his comments the handle quite as quickly as Lou Lou, but she agreed through more thoroughly before posting them in a public venue. Or...better Mr. Reynolds was further vet...not comment at all! Like mama always said... "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!"

suit, yes. I don't know what Until next time...God Bless, Keep Smiling and DO NOT talk about a lady's "Holy moly!" Lou Lou said weight!

as she tried to calm her nerves from reading the Don't comments. "The nerve of that man!" Lou Lou was just about to delve into a full-blown counter reaction in support of the governor, when reading a little further into the article clearly revealed Governor Ivey of the Great State of Alabama can still hold her own when it

Each available course BOUTWELL LBWCC will require all contains an online compo- Mrs. Peggy Joyce Bouton-campus courses deliv- students, employees, vis- nent through the Canvas well, age 81, a resident of ered in a hybrid or tradi- itors and entities utilizing learning system. In the Elba, Ala., died Thursday, tional format if space the College's facilities to event that in-person classes July 30, 2020, wear face coverings for all must close due to the pan- at her home. All courses will transi- face-to-face interactions, demic or other event, all Graveside tion to online instruction along with other necessary course instruction will be services were personal protective equip- delivered in an online for- held Sunday, mat. As in previous se- Aug. 2, 2020, ment occupancy for each Disinfection measures mesters, LBWCC will also at Evergreen classroom will be reduced will be taken routinely to offer a variety of online Cemetery in

tance of six feet. Courses eral use areas, etc. to Fall semester will begin officiating. In lieu of with room enrollments protect employees, stu- August 17. Students may flowers contributions may over the maximum number dents and the general pub-view the course schedule be made to Covenant Comallowed for social distanc- lic. Temperature checks of and register for classes on- munity Church, 332 Sim-

establish a secure My Alabama Taxes (MAT) account to protect their personal and business information on submitted Small businesses are encouraged to start this process as soon as possible in advance of the application period opening. Each applying

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May I Ask a Cemetery Owner or Operator to Help

deceased loved one or ancestor and you know which cemetery they are buried in. What you don't know is exactly where their gravesite is located and in vast, sprawling cemeteries, this can post a big logistical problem The question is, who can you ask to help you find the grave you are looking for? Is it proper etiquette to contact the cemetery owner or operator to provide you with some direction?

The short answer to this question is yes, though you may not need to speak with a cemetery owner directly. These days, a lot of cemeteries have websites where you can get the lay of the land and develop some sense of where your loved one is buried. Often, this is the quickest way to find the information you're looking for.

But if the cemetery doesn't have a website, or you still need assistance, it's perfectly fine to contact the cemetery's owner or operator. It's best to gather some key information before you do so, however - including the full name of the deceased and if possible, the year of their birth and the year of their death. This simply helps the cemetery owner to locate your loved one more quickly.

An alternative is to reach out to the local funeral home; even if it's not filiated with the cemetery in question, it may have access to records that show where your loved one is buried. In short, there's always a way to identify the final resting place of you

ved one, so never hesitate to ask! If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net 431 East Davis Elba, Alabama 36323 (334) 897-2225

PEGGY JOYCE

as needed to maintain a disinfect workplace sur- courses to meet the needs Elba with Rev. Diana White and Rev. Donald E. Burns mons Street, Elba, AL

Home directed the services. Mrs. Boutwell was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Boutwell; two sons, Charles Timothy 'Tim" Boutwell and Derrick Governor Kay Ivey business is essential to businesses that may be Laron Boutwell; along with recently announced the getting our economy awarded a Revive Alabama her parents, Sallie Belle Small Business Grant. Marler and Wayne Golden

> Boutwell, Elba; sister: Jea-Business owners may nette Rosenbaum, Reston, access the grant application Va.; along with five grandthrough the Alabama children, eight great-Department of Revenue's grandchildren, and two great great-grandchil-

Mrs. Frances Luvenia Fountain, age 78, of Flower Mountain, Texas died Sunday, Aug. 2, p

2020, after a long illness. Born to William E. and Sarah Frances

Hudson on Sept. 15, 1941 in Coffee County, Alabama, Frances moved to Texas in 1984 after marrying Dennis C. Fountain who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents and four older brothers - James, Charlie, Hubert, and J.W.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at 10 a.m. with burial immediately to follow in the

of Cushing, Texas directing. ton.

Survivors include her daughter: Sherry Waldon Wells, Port Neches Texas; TURNER grandchildren: Ciara Um-Texas, Rebekah Wells unexpectedly Tuesday (Adrian Woodard), Cleve- morning, Aug. 4, 2020, at grandchildren: Cohen and nounced by Hayes Funeral Camden Umbrell; and many Home of Elba. nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

CLEVELAND JUNIOR REEVES

Mr. Cleveland Junior Reeves, age 78, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died

A private burial was held at Meadowlawn Cemetery held Aug. 3, 2020 at Everunder the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested those wishing to make memorials to do so to the Alabama Masonic death by two brothers, John

in death by his parents, Allie Mary Ann Jordan; and one Doris Reeves and William daughter, LaTwan Busha O'Neal Reeves, along with a sister, Dot Whitehead.

Survivors include his sons: Cleveland Bertrand one daughter: Alka (Kevin) "Bert" Reeves (Amy), New Brockton, and Jessie O'Neal Reeves, Jack, Ala.; sister: Fay Chancey, Enterprise; granddaughter: rone Coleman, Montgom-Madison Reeves, New ery, Ala.; two brothers:

Elba Public Library open by appointment:

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

There is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability. Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday

8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Library assists citizens Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with filling out Census reports.

Nat Community Cemetery, Brockton; and grandsons: Nacogdoches, Texas, with Tyson Holder, and Michael Dickie Allen Funeral Home Holder, both of New Brock-

BARBARA JEAN

Ms. Barbara Jean Turner, brell (Ethan), Quitman age 82, of Elba, Ala., died land Texas, and Hudson her sister's home. Funeral Wells, Port Neches; great- arrangements will be an-

LONNIE RAY COLEMAN

Mr. Lonnie Ray Coleman, age 67, of Elba, Ala. died July 27, 2020.

He was born in Coffee County Alabama on April Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 28, 1953 to the late Sammie his sister's home Enterprise, David Magwood and Della

> Coleman Magwood. Graveside services were green Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba

Lonnie was preceded in E. Coleman, and Willie Mr. Reeves was preceded David Magwood; one sister,

> Coleman. Survivors include his wife: Mary A. Coleman, Smith, Elba; three sons: Jason (Joyce) Coleman, and Dennis Coleman, both of Palm Beach, Fla., and Ty-Oscar (Catrine) Coleman Jr., Elba, Lester Willis (Debra) Magwood Ozark, Ala., two sisters: Evelyn Barrette, Orlando, Fla., and Emma J. Carter, Niagara Falls, NY; eight grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, five stepchildren: Charles (Denise) Hill, Randy (Ginnie Mae) Hill, Barbara Hill, Jimmy (Samantha) Morris, and Tracy Morris, 11 step grandchildren, 28 step great-great-

> grandchildren, brothers-in-laws, and nine sisters-in-law; and a host of loving nephews and nieces,



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CHURCH NEWS

Governor Ivey announces \$50 million grant program to support non-profit and faith-based organizations

support nonprofit and faithbased organizations who have been financially impandemic. The Alabama in each program.

Please let us share your church news here! Due on Mondays! **Email Linda at:**

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Governor Kay Ivey on Nonprofit Grant Program order to benefit the citizens Relief, and Economic Secu-Thursday announced a \$50 and the Alabama Faithmillion grant program to Based Grant Program will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first-comefirst-served basis up to a pacted by the COVID-19 \$25 million aggregate cap

"Nonprofits and faith-

based organizations are truly the backbone of our great state," Governor Kay Ivey said. "Alabama relies on these entities to be equipped to serve our communities in ways where the state is either unable or incapable of doing so. Unfortunately, many of these groups often have a hard time keeping critical funds flowing in normal circumstances, and the pandemic has exponentially increased their struggle to remain operational. It is simply the right thing to do for our state to ensure Alabama nonprofits and faith-based organizations can recover in

Pear mot,

with you.

am always

-Jesus

they serve."

Administered through the Department of Finance, the state of Alabama will offer 2020-199 designated up to cash grants in an amount up to \$15,000 per Alabamabased nonprofit and faithbased entity that meet nesses, and non-profit and eligibility requirements.

proximately \$1.9 billion of by the coronavirus panfederal Coronavirus Aid, demic.

rity Act (CARES Act) to respond to and mitigate COVID-19. Alabama Act \$300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to support citizens, busifaith-based organizations of Alabama received ap- the state directly impacted

Annual business meeting held recently for the Zoar Cemetery

The annual business to contribute to the upkeep meeting for Zoar Cemetery of the cemetery by personal was held Saturday, July 25, and financial support. Meat 10 a.m. in the Morrow morial donations may also Hall building, located on County Road 331.

given and project work outlined for 2020-2021.

ones or friends buried in Elba, Alabama 36323. Zoar Cemetery who did not attend the meeting is urged appreciated.

be given to Zoar Cemetery.

Contributions, payable to A financial report was the Zoar Cemetery Association Inc., can be mailed to the secretary, Joe Hodge, at Anyone having loved 3631 County Road 306,

All assistance is greatly

Homecoming at Basin Baptist Church will be Sunday, Aug. 9

Basin Baptist Church, lo-follow. cated at 9757 Highway 189 Social distancing meas-S, Elba, Ala., will hold its ures will continue to be in annual Homecoming worship service on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m.

regulations in place for the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Homecoming will be limited to the service only. There will be no lunch to

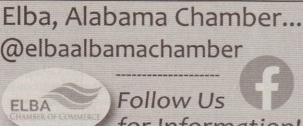
AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

place inside the church the building.

ing measures in place, the the crown passed to Ruala fellowship hall also will be Lampur, Malaysia, where open with the service trans- the Petronas Towers reached mitted via audio to that 1,483 feet. building.

to watch from home due to the ongoing pandemic.



Round and About with Eria's Daughter (334) 897-3611



praise the Lord. [Psalm 117: 1-2] Praise the Lord!

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Sampson, Judge Dwight Johnson, Gary Black, Roy can use. - C.R.B. L. Fitch Family, Min. Joyce B. Johnson, RHMBC Family, SMBC Family

July Birthdays / Anniver-

Gavin Respress 7/23 Shannon Grizzell 7/23 Briana Tillis 7/23 Mike Rowe 7/24 Kobie Gray 7/24 Inez B. Long 7/25

Monique Hutchinson 7/25 Maggie D. Marshall 7/26 Kathleen Johnson Harris Yolanda Reynolds 7/26

(in memory) Willis Bruton 7/27 (in mem-

Gladys Lane Mincey 7/26

** Look What I've Done! For many years, the tallest building in the world was New York City's Empire building, and all are asked State Building. IN 1966 to wear facial coverings New York's World Trade Due to the ongoing safety upon entering and exiting Center claimed the title at 1,377 feet, Chicago's Sears cious blood of Christ. If the sanctuary fills be- Tower took the honor in cause of the social distanc- 1973 (1,454 feet). In 1996

> A few years ago, top archi-The service will be up- tects around the world loaded to the church's Face- claimed in a survey that the book page (@Basin Baptist reason for such buildings is Church) later in the day on primarily "self-advertising" Sunday for those who prefer and "ego". We could have

guessed that, couldn't we? How interesting then, that God often looks elsewhere when He has a significant task to be done. When He looked for someone to lead His people against the Midianites. Gideon was working in a wine press, desperately hoping not to be noticed! for Information! Such people are more likely to credit God for their suc-

Scripture: Let all people cesses, but God often has to prod them into action.

Where do we fit in this picture? Are we willing to serve but wanting the credit, or humble but reluctant to Marcus Fitch, Gladys serve? The story of Gideon Deese, Shamba Jones, Rick teaches us a lesson about the kind of people whom God

> **Question / Answer Section** Q/A for the Week of 7/30/20 True or False

Q: Due to His promise to Jacob, God delivered Lot? A: False, Genesis 19: 29 Q: Eli mistakenly thought Hannah was drunk?

A: True, 1 Samuel 1: 14 Q: God guided Israel through the wilderness with miraculous signs? A: True, Numbers 14: 14

Thought to Remember Sin, when it is finished brings forth Death

Questions for the Week of 8-6-20

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Name the four types of soil where the seed fell in Jesus' parable...

Christians are by the pre-

Today is a good day! Be Eria's Daughter, Sue





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CHURCH

Morn, Worship. . . 10:30 a.m.

Sam Self, Pastor

BETHELAME CHURCH

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

BETHANY BAPTIST

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Disciple Train 5:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METH-

Rev. Remonia Smith

inday School 10:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

CHURCH

CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.



Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Rockey Pearce, Pastor Steve Watson, Pastor Even. Service 5:00 p.m CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Wed. Night Service .7:00 p.m. Morn. Worship Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Mark Ward, Pastor BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:15 p.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

Phillip Box, Minister

Wed Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m. David Noble, Pastor

OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Wed. Bible Class . . 6:30 p.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. ELBA DELIVERANCE **TABERNACLE** Allen Richards, Pastor Even Worship 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . Church Service 2nd & 4th Sundays 2nd & 5chool 9:00 a.m. ELBA UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor

2nd & 4th Sundays CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night. 7:00 p.m.

. 10:00 a.m. CHURCH OF GOD IN Timothy Williams, Pastor Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Morn, Worship . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH Lovell Martin, Pastor

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities).6:00 p.m. DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. . . 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship 8:45 a.m. GOD Shirlie Ellis, Pastor

HEBRON BAPT, CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Wed. Prayer Meeting. .6:30 p.m. INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service

Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD -KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST Scott Donaldson, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH. Sat. Service 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. HAM UNITED METHOD-IST CHURCH

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

OF GOD Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday School . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:30 p.m. Morn. Worship . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLE INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Linda Williams, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service . . 7:15 p.m. KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH Ben Posey, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service 5:00 p.m. LIVING WORD CHURCH Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service . . .9:45 a.m. Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service . . 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m. LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Charles Jones, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. MT. ZION BAPTIST

Kevin Byrd, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED

Wed. Even. 7:30 p.m. NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST -W. K. Ellison, Pastor Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

Morning Worship . 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship . 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening . . 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m. NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METH-Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST

CHURCH Randall Pearson, Pastor Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m. NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST James Starks Jr., Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Bib Stud Wed 6:00 p.m. NEW HAVEN BAPTIST Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Brad Sasser, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m. NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.n

CHRIST Lorearl Flowers, Minister Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

Julian Mitchell, Pastor

Lee Jones, Pastor Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn, Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PINEY GROVE AS. SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-SON Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School9:45 Eveniing Worship. 6.00

PRAISE & GLORY Roy L. Turner, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays ROETON BAPTIST

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m. SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m. SHILOH BAPTIST

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m. COMMUNITY BAPTIST Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Youth Ser. Mon. ... 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class. .. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. . 7:00 p.m. CHURCH OF GOD IN THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Tuesday Bible Class. . . 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor

VANDERBILT HOLINESS Donald Mills, Pastor Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m Even. Service 5:00 p.m Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE

Morn. Worship . . 10:30 a.m. WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

WHITEWATER BAPTIST Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m

BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service WOOTEN CHAPEL

Mike Medley, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH John Isaacs, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m Even. Service 6:00 p.m

LIFESTYLES

Deadline to register to vote in upcoming municipal election is Aug. 10th

opportunity for anyone concerned about COVID-19 to attendance at the polls. [ID REQUIRED]' apply for and cast an absentee ballot for the upcoming municipal elections.

At the request of the Alabama League of Municipalities on behalf of all Alabama municipalities scheduled to hold an election in 2020, Merrill authorized anyone concerned about contracting or spreading COVID-19 to cast an absentee ballot in order to avoid the polls on Election Day.

Any qualified voter who determines it is impossible or unreasonable to vote at their polling place shall be eligible to check the box on the absentee ballot application that is most applicable to that individual. State law allows the Secretary of State to issue absentee voting guidance during declared states of emergency, allowing Secretary Merrill to encourage voters to check the box which reads as follows (in the case none of the boxes are appropriate): October 6.

Secretary of State John H. Merrill extended the "I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my

"We appreciate the Secretary of State's Office collaborating with ALM to address these extraordinary Greg Cochran, League of Municipalities Executive

register to vote is Monday, August 10, the deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is Thursday, August 20, and the deadline to hand-deliver an absentee ballot is the close of business Monday, August 24. If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked by August 24 and received by noon on August 25.

Mayoral Forum set for Thursday evening, Aug. 20, in downtown Elba

courthouse square in downtown Elba.

The Mayoral Forum will attend in person, the forum feature all three candidates will be delivered live on (Chelsea Cooper, Tim The Elba Clipper Facebook Johnson and Tom Maddox) vying for the office of of Commerce Facebook mayor in Elba. Each candinutes for opening Clipper website shortly statements followed by a question and answer seg- event. ment. The forum will conclude with final comments from the candidate.

The Elba Clipper.

Forum set for Thursday, ures, and all recommended Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. on the safety guidelines will be in For those not wanting to

longer than one hour.

"With three quality candi- science The moderator for the dates seeking the office of Elba Mayoral Forum will mayor in Elba, we felt a tion journey has not been be Ferrin Cox, publisher of forum would be a wonder- easy; however, thanks to a ful opportunity for citizens The Elba Mayoral Forum to get-to-know the candi-

Elba native to perform in Big River musical at Flowers Center in Ozark Mark Twain's story of the group for the United States

adventures of Huckleberry Army. He got to travel the Finn, Big River, will be pre- world singing for dignitaries sented Aug. 14th and 15th at until his retirement. Flowers Center in Ozark, Wells has been given the

afternoon matinee. Show- that he was part of the comtimes are Friday night [Aug. munity for a short while. 14] at 7 p.m., Saturday af-

their travels down the river several years.

Roger Miller. Mark Twain's day and Thursday from 4 to novel was adapted for the 6 p.m. Tickets also can be

Vegas, Nevada, will be permailed to Margie Benson, forming the character Jim. 725 East Broad Street, He first performed this role Ozark AL 36360; or Call at Flowers Center in 1990. 334-467-1911 and leave a He was stationed at Fort message about personal in-Rucker and during the play, formation for a ticket several generals observed Ticket price is \$20 each. his talent and sent his family The only service charge will to Washington DC to be a be for those purchasing with part of an elite singing a credit card.

apprenticeship program.

two area community work has traditionally excited to join LBW and the degree," Dr. Chris Cox, colleges was developed to required. focus on hard-to-fill with students completing a always high." two-year syllabus of technical internships.

Enterprise Community development because we industry to fill. must see workforce needs "Plants have become very and ensure our students are technical-robotics, highly trained and certified automation, PLC's, and to meet those needs."

significantly in South the schools to develop a Alabama over the last few program that could meet the years, regionally investing need better than on-the-job more than \$300 million in a training alone," Allen said.

Elba Chamber of Com- tend. It will be held out- more about their agenda if to see how each candidate merce announce a jointly doors due to ongoing elected," said Linda Hodge, responds under pressure." sponsored Elba Mayoral COVID-19 safety meas-

Ala. in three performances. key to the city of Ozark, be-There will be a Saturday cause Ozark was so proud

Also appearing in the ternoon [Aug. 15] at 2 p.m. show will be Elba native and Saturday night at 7 p.m. and Zion Chapel graduate, This show is about the Foyel Brunson, as Pap amazing friendship between Finn. This is a reprisal role. Huckleberry and Jim (a Brunson has appeared in former slave). This is about over 40 shows in the last

Tickets are on sale at The music is written by Flowers Center each Tuesstage by William Haptman. purchased by sending a Tim Wells, from Las check made out DCPAC

Wayne Farms, Alabama Community College System launch workforce development program Fierce competition for new feed mill in Ozark and

skilled employees has expanded processing need for employees with prompted Wayne Farms and complexes in Enterprise and technology-focused skills, the needs of industry and the Alabama Community Dothan. The equipment and so we are proud to offer a provide an opportunity for College System to develop technology upgrades have Mechatronics program that our students to "earn while the state's first accredited transformed the facilities provides essential training they learn" through a workforce development into The education and operations, demanding a and the opportunity to partnership much deeper skillset than receive industry-recognized between Wayne Farms and poultry plant maintenance NC3 Certifications. We are industrial

mechanical, electrical and become more sophisticated, partnering with Wayne "Apprenticeships have technical positions. The we need people with the Farms to not only develop a proven to prepare workers matching programs at skills and training necessary pipeline that connects our for highly-skilled jobs while Lurleen B. Wallace to perform in that students to successful meeting the needs of Community College and environment," said Patricia careers but also fills a need business and industry for State Powell, Wayne Farms South in our local workforce," Community College will Alabama HR Manager. continued ESCC's Rodgers. how excited LBWCC is to work directly with Wayne "Maintenance positions in a The Farms to implement the modern facility like ours are apprenticeship new Mechatronics degree, hard to staff—the demand is fully-accredited and helps apprenticeship. To my

Wayne State highly skilled, College, technically-oriented "Community colleges play maintenance positions are a critical role in workforce some of the hardest in the

Frequency Variable Wayne Farms has grown Drives—so we worked with

circumstances as we head into municipal elections," said Director. "Ensuring all Alabamians have a voice through their vote is imperative to the success of our state.'

For the August 25 municipal elections, the deadline to

If necessary, runoff elections will be held on Tuesday,

The Elba Clipper and is open to the public to at- dates better and learn a bit it will allow us, as citizens,

swer portion of the forum as Karizmah Magwood graduates from Troy On Friday July 24, 2020, Karizmah Yelverton Magpage and the Elba Chamber wood participated in one of three Commencement Servpage. Also, the video will be ices held at Troy University date will be allowed 5-mi- uploaded to The Elba due to COVID-19.

Karizmah received her after the conclusion of the Bachelor's of Science degree in interdisciplinary The forum will be no studies; education, diversity & literacy, and social

Karizmah said her educastrong support system throughout the Wiregrass: Montgomery County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise State Community College, Troy University, and Community Action port.

editor of The Elba Clipper.

The forum is set for five "I am especially excited days prior to the election on about the question and an- Tuesday, Aug. 25th.



Karizmah Yelverton Magwood

finish strong with their sup-

Dylan Moulton receives Tiger Award from Northeast Mississippi athletics

letic department.

Northeast selected the 75.67 shots per round. winners of its Tiger court of competition.

Among the honorees missed." was Kinston High School graduate Dylan Moulton. He was a key part of golf's following a two-year hiaattain a top 15 national ranking from Golfstat.

Seven student-athletes The Elba, Ala., native received Northeast Missis- was the lone sophomore on sippi Community Col- Northeast's roster during lege's most prestigious the 2019-20 campaign. He prize for upholding the led the Tigers and placed elite standards of its ath- eighth in the Magnolia State with an average of

"Dylan was our leade Awards, which are given and it showed on the annually to one athlete course," Northeast headfrom each sports program man Derek De Vaughn said. that represents their team "He had a big impact for us and the institution as a not only as a player, but whole in a positive manner also as a person. If you both on-and-off the field or asked him to do anything, he'd do it. He's going to be

The Tiger Award is sponsored each year by the Northeast Alumni Asresurgence at Northeast sociation. It has been a tradition since the institution tus. He helped the Tigers first started intercollegiate competition in the late

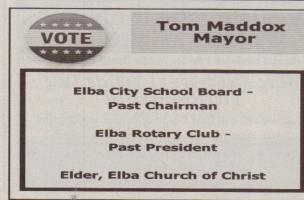
"Today, there is a critical economic growth.

modern, in electrical, mechanical, competency

fill the industry demand for knowledge, this unique Farms qualified applicants while partnership is the first time classroom instruction in Maintenance Manager also fulfilling the college two colleges in Alabama tandem with on-the-job paid Roger Allen oversees the system's role as partner with have joined together to industry-education the state's Alabama Works sponsor apprentices for a According to Matt partnership locally for the economic development Rodgers, president of company, and agreed that program, helping drive regional employment and

technology-driven and computer engineering apprenticeship where they will receive on the job training while pursuing their Alabama Community LBWCC Interim President, "As this industry has College System in concurred. many years. I can't tell you dual-purpose join ESCC in serving as a is state model for an

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THAT'S A LOT OF WATERMELON! Ted Vignola recently stopped by The Elba Clipper office to show off this over 65 pound watermelon he grew in his garden this

Coffee County Schools assistance in identifying all persons with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

Parents of a child with disabilities, or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked to contact the Partnership, she was able to principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

> It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided. County School System in-

Services Coordinator, 334- Street, New Brockton, Ala.

grams Coordinator, 334-

Holli Richardson, Principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152

Alonzo Barkley, Principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350

Matt Barton, Principal, Zion Chapel School, 334-

Coffee County Conservation District meeting set for Aug. 13th

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold Contacts for the Coffee its monthly board meeting Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Coffee County Commission Tami Crosby, Special Room, 1065 E. McKinnon

The meeting will start at Kelly Cobb, Federal Pro- 10 a.m. Space is limited due to COVID-19 safety procedures in place; therefore, if Danny Branch, Principal, planning to attend call 334-Kinston School, 334-565- 894-5581 ext. 3 ahead of





SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our grandson Lawson shopping for clothes over the weekend and for the first time ever let him pick out his own clothes. We did direct him toward the items on sale, but he still picked out over a dozen t shirts and four pairs of shoes. Since he will be the one wearing the clothes I had no problem with his picks, but I thought he never wore anything but flip flops. So, I am anxious to see if he wears all the new footwear in the weeks to come.

For what it is worth...

*** High school football practice officially started last week all across the state, and while everyone was happy to see the players in pads, it meant the season can't be far away and that all area fans need to get ready. Numbers are down a little at a number of area schools, which has caused some coaches to work the players a little harder. minimum size length, However, at least two schools are boasting one of their which is 8 feet total length. biggest rosters ever and have the coaches and fans excited. In this zone, only alligators While fans always like to predict how many games their that are under 8 feet in mals. team will win in a season, this year the fans are predicting length may be released after how many games will be played before the season is shut capture. In all other zones, gator is considered captured down. That's one prediction I refused to even consider!

*** The big news last week in the college football hibited. world was that the Southeastern Conference had made the decision to play a 10-game schedule, with only SEC teams on the new schedule. The season will now start on Sept. 26, with each team having a week off in mid-season and having an open date the week before the conference championship. All 14 SEC teams usually play eight conference Sykes. "However, I think opponents, including all the teams in their divisions. Ho- some hunters have abused wever, now league officials will draw up a new schedule our leniency in enforcing of catching an alligator, for all the teams with non-division opponents based upon the regulation. We just want a formula that includes each team's win-loss record in the to make sure that everybody previous season. The fact the SEC is trying to salvage a season is the good news, while the bad news is the financial loss to teams from outside the SEC that were on team schedules. The loss to 'Group of Five' teams like Alabama State and Kent State will reportedly amount to \$36 million, with losses also hitting the pocket books of other FSC teams. The crazy college football season only gets that could end up as an uncrazier each and every day, but at least as of now it will expected mortality.

*** The SEC's decision last week to play a conference so people apply for one of only schedule obviously had a major impact on the entire these coveted tags, we don't world of collegiate football, but also resulted the cancelation of 56 games involving SEC teams and out of conference opponents. Some 'rivalry' games that were victims of the change included Florida at Florida State, Georgia Tech at Georgia, Kentucky at Louisville and South Carolina at Clemson. The South Carolina-Clemson game had been played 110 straight years, even during Keith Gauldin said this reg-World War II, while the Ga Tech-Georgia game had been ulation has been in effect rod/reel), harpoons (with atplayed every year for 95 years and the Florida-Florida since Alabama's 2018 alli-State game had been on the schedule 61 straight years. gator season. Some 'interesting' games dropped from the schedule included Arkansas at Notre Dame, Texas at LSU, Tennessee at Oklahoma, Mississippi State at North Carolina State, Troy at Tennessee and Georgia Southern at Ole Miss. Not all games that were canceled were going to be worth watching to anyone other than the fans of the home team, Zone, where there is a miniwith 'cupcakes' being washed away including Alcorn State at Auburn, Eastern Washington at Florida, Central Arkansas at Missouri, East Tennessee State at Georgia, tured gator is your gator, so UT Martin at Alabama, Alabama A & M at Mississippi State, and Wofford at South Carolina. I wonder how many team schedules were already printed and if they will become collectors' items.

*** Since Barbour County was mired in a 60-game losing streak in football, I had already predicted that the Jaguars would cancel the 2020 football season. What I didn't predict; however, was that the Jaguars would also cancel all sports for the entire school year. Since the move down to Class 1A it was almost a given Barbour County would be a favorite to win the state title in basketball. So, the decision will make a lot of 1A teams across the state mighty happy.

*** In closing.... Hall of Fame high school coach Doyle Kinsaul passed away last week, leaving a hole in the hearts of his family members, all his former players and the thousands of people who considered it an honor to call him a friend. While I don't remember him coaching, I will always remember seeing him and his wife sitting at courtside at Straughn basketball games and always made a point to shake his hand at every game I officiated at the school. The handshake was out of respect for a man that devoted most of his adult life to coaching and had a major impact on the lives of hundreds of school children, and 'his corner' will always be a special place and help everyone remember him in years to come.

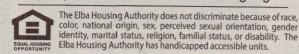
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During upcoming season

No culls for state's alligator hunters

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural

With Alabama's 2020 alligator season only a couple of weeks away, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) those lucky tag holders about the no-cull rule in ef-

holders are not allowed to tured. release an alligator after it has been captured. The exception for the Lake Eufaula Zone is because it is the only zone that has a culling is completely pro-

"Many folks who have been going to classes for years and are now getting the training online understand about culling," said is aware that culling is not a legal practice. This is not a fishing trip where you practice catch-and-release. This is a cold-blooded animal that expends a great deal of energy during the fight and

When you have 5,000 or want people abusing the process and making it look wanted to clarify that culling is not allowed."

and release any other game animal, hunters are not allowed to practice releasing alligators unless they are hunting in the Lake Eufaula mum harvest length of 8 feet," Gauldin said. "A cap- lowed. be sure to review the training videos on the website. The videos give you helpful of an alligator."

nostrils to its eyes and the total length of the animal. If the distance from the nostrils to the eyes is 10 inches, the estimated total length of the alligator would be 10 feet. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/alligator-hunttag-training-videos for the six training videos and one that explains the no-cull regulation.

Tag holders must abide With the exception of the by the rule that applies hunts. Lake Eufaula Zone, tag when an alligator is "cap-

> "In the past, we have seen individuals on social media posting alligators that they have captured, taken pictures of and then released." Gauldin said "We don't want hunters to cause any undue stress on these ani-

> "By regulation, an allionce it is secured with a snare around a leg or the head and is secured boatside and in control. It must be immediately dispatched and the temporary tag applied. We want to stress that before hunters pursue an alligator and throw a hook at it or any of the legal means they should view that gator and estimate its size closely. They need to make sure that's the one they want to harvest.'

Gauldin said another rule that will be closely enforced has to do with boats providing assistance during the pursuit of an alligator.

"When hunting parties have multiple vessels involved, only the boat with the tag holder can have the capture equipment in it," he said. "The other vessels that like a catch-and-release are assisting can only have fishing tournament. We just spotlights but no capture equipment.

Capture methods are re-Wildlife Section Chief stricted to hand-held snares, nuisance alligator com- Mandy Stokes of Camden. tached line), and bowfishing equipment (with line "Just as you don't capture attached from arrow to bow bait is not allowed.

> Gauldin said the WFF's Enforcement Section will be out in full force during the alligator season to ensure the regulations are fol-

"There is a high likelihood hunters will be checked by a Conservation tips on how to judge the size on one of the nights of the season," he said. "It's a Gauldin said there is a digood idea to put all of your rect correlation between the identification, hunting li-

State Parks to begin new online camping reservation system this month

Alabama State Parks an- reservations will not be nounces it will begin the taken between Aug. 2, transition to a new camping reservation system at the beginning of August 2020.

Officials said they have listened to the feedback designed this new, userfriendly system to include

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to help guests remember their favorite campsites. In preparation for the launch of the new camping reservation system, online

and Aug. 13, for campsites or camping cabins. To make a reservation or modify an existing reservation scheduled to arrive before Aug. from our guests and have 11, 2020, call the park for

> Note: No reservations or modifications for campsite or camping cabins with arrival dates after Aug. 11, 2020 can be processed on the phone or online between August 2 and the launch of the new system. These changes only relate to camping reservations. Lodge rooms, standard cabins (not camping cabins), chalets and cottage reservations are not af-

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tation when you get the Southwest Zone. checked. It will make it easier for our officers and make for a more timely check for the hunters."

hunters to refrain from consuming alcohol during the

a good time but a safe time," he said. "Combining alcohol and alligator hunting is not a good idea.

"And make sure everyone has a PFD (personal flotation device). It's a good idea to have that PFD on if the boat is under throttle. especially at night. Obstructions are much harder to see at night. We just want them to have a safe hunt."

The Alabama alligator season is broken into five zones throughout south Alabama, the traditional range of alligators in the state.

The zone where Alabama's first season originated is the Southwest Zone, which has the most tags (100). The Southwest Zone includes all of Mobile and Baldwin counties north of I-10 and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties that lie east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 13 until sunrise on August 16 and sunset on August 20 to sunrise on August 23.

The Coastal Zone (50 tags) was created last year when another monster gator to address the rising interaction between alligators and the human population WFF receives most of its harvested in 2014 by

distance from the gator's cense and alligator tag in a plaints. The Coastal Zone Ziploc bag for easy access includes the private and instead of having to dig it public waters in Baldwin out of your wallet at one and Mobile counties that lie o'clock in the morning. south of I-10. The 2020 sea-Have that ready for presen- son dates are the same as

The Southeast Zone (40 tags) covers the private and public waters in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Gauldin also wants Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell counties, excluding Alabama state public waters in Walter F. "We want hunters to have George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 8 until sunrise on September 7

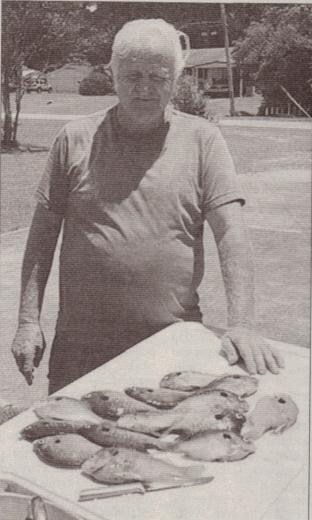
The West Central Zone (50 tags) includes private and public waters in Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), Wilcox, and Dallas counties. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 13 to sunrise on August 16 and sunset on August 20 to sunrise on August 23.

The Lake Eufaula Zone (20 tags) includes Alabama state public waters in Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries, south of Highway 208, Omaha Bridge (excluding Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge). The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 14 until sunrise on October 5. The Lake Eufaula Zone is the only zone that allows daytime hunt-

Alabama's alligator harvest numbers have been consistent at between 65 and 70 percent of the available tags since the program's inception.

And one never knows will be hauled in that rivals the current world record of along the Coast, where 1,011.5 pounds that was

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SPORTS NEWS

Zion Chapel Rebels

2020 Football Schedule

Aug. 28	Kinston	Home
Sept. 4	Abbeville	Home
Sept. 11	Elba	Away
Sept. 18	Houston County	Home
Sept. 25	Samson	Away
Oct. 2	G.W. Long	Away
Oct. 9	Ariton	Away
Oct. 16	Cottonwood	Home
Oct. 23	Geneva County	Away
Oct. 30	Pleasant Home	Home

Rebel Ramblings

Team Timeline

1971 First Playoff Appearance

1974 First Playoff Wina

1974 First Undefeated Season

1974 First 12-Win Season

1974 First Region Championship

Regional Championships

1974 - 1979

Overall Record

200-382-1

Seasons - 59

Winning Seasons – 17

Most Wins in a Season – 13 (1974)

Most Losses in a Season – 10 (2013)

Most Points Scored in a Game – 67 (2008)

Most Points Allowed in a Game – 68 (2015)

Longest Winning Streak – 13

Longest Losing Streak – 16

Coaches - Most Wins

John Frank Hudson 54-50

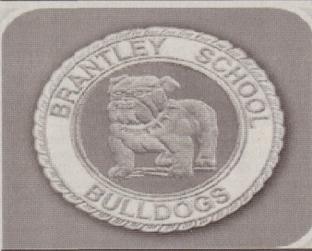
David Collins 32-47

Mike Waters 15-26

Harry Lees 15-27

Randy Bryant 13-18

Randy Grant 13-18



Bulldog Tracks

Team Timeline

1974 First Playoff Appearance 1974 First Region Championship

1976 First Playoff Win 1976 First 10-0 Regular Season

1993 First 15-Win Season

Championships

State

1993 - 1998 - 2009 - 2012

Region

1974 - 1976 - 1977 - 1978 - 1982 - 1983 1984 - 1985 - 1988 - 1992 - 1993 - 1994 1995 - 1997 - 1998 - 1999 - 2000 - 2002 2003 - 2004 - 2005 - 2006 - 2007 - 2008

2009 - 2011 - 2 - 12 - 2013 - 2014 - 2019

Team Record 565-331-15 Seasons 95

Winning Records 54

Most Points in a Game – 72 (2019)

Most Points Allowed in a Game – 63 (1955)

Longest Winning Streak – 22

Longest Losing Streak – 15

Coaches - Wins

David Lowery 156-27 Paul Woolley 59-32-1

Mike Sasser 51-8-1

Ashley Kilcrease 48-16Roland Jones 30-19

Bernie Sullivan 30-19-1

In new region alignment

Zion Chapel faces challenging schedule

The Zion Chapel Rebels a key region matchup. The will head into battle this Rebels are 0-10 all-time in season as a member of the series against their Class 2A, Area 2, and will county rivals, lost 62-0 last face one of their most chal-season, and have been shutlenging seasons ever as the out in three of the last five Rebels have never defeated meetings. The Tigers have four of the teams in the seven-team region, have a losing record against two combined record of 38-5 the other region rivals and have previous three years, and never played the final member of the region.

Following is a preview of the 2020 high school foot-

Aug. 28 Kinston (1A)

season at home when it in the renewal of a long time cross-county rivalry. losing seasons and over the last four seasons have posted a record of only 11-29. The Rebels own a 25-20 series edge.

Sept. 4 Abbeville (R)

region play in week #2 when it hosts the Abbeville Yellowjackets. The Rebels the Yellowjackets have posted three straight winning seasons with a combined record of 27-8 and have made four straight trips to the playoffs.

Sept. 11 at, Elba (R)

posted three straight eightwin seasons after posting a have advanced to the playoffs 13 straight years.

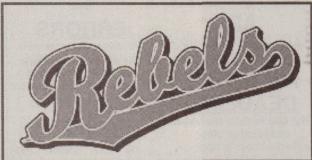
Sept.18 Houston Co. (R) Zion Chapel will return home in week #4 when it hosts the Houston County Zion Chapel will open its Lions, in its third straight region clash. The Rebels are hosts the Kinston Bulldogs, 0-6 all-time in the series and lost the last two meetings by a combined score of 93-7. The Rebels have won two The Lions have struggled to of the last three meetings by a 3-17 combined record the a combined score of 71-42, past two seasons after two while the Bulldogs have straight winning seasons struggled to two straight and two playoff appear-

Sept. 25 at, Samson (1A)

Zion Chapel will take a break from the region wars in week #5 when they travel to tangle with the Samson Zion Chapel will kick off Tigers. The Rebels have a 4-13 series record against the 1A foe, have lost the last seven matchups and last have never played Abbe-season dropped a 35-19 ville on the gridiron, while decision. The Tigers have posted three straight fourwin seasons after winning seven games the previous

> two years. Oct. 2 at, G.W. Long (R) Zion Chapel will remain in region action in week #6

Zion Chapel will hit the when it travels to Skipperroad in week #3 when they ville for a matchup against make the short trip to Elba the G.W. Long Rebels. The to battle the Elba Tigers, in Rebels from Coffee County



season after winning only 16-34. three total games the previous two years.

Oct. 9 at, Ariton (R)

week in the seventh week of the season when it makes the short trip across the meetings and dropped the last contest 38-2 back in 2017. The Purple Cats have posted four straight winning seasons and in the last three years have rolled to a 29-9 record, including five wins

Oct.16 Cottonwood (R)

in the post-season.

are 10-26 all-time against against their new region ritheir region rivals, and have vals, including a 34-16 loss lost the last eleven meet- in the last meeting in 2003. ings, including a 55-0 loss The Bears last winning seain the last meeting in 2013. son was back in 2014 and The Rebels from Dale over the last five seasons County posted ten wins last have a combined record of

Oct. 23 at, Geneva Co.(R)

Zion Chapel will close out region play on the road Zion Chapel will hit the in a week #9 clash in Hartroad for the third straight ford against the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Rebels have only taken the field twice against the Bullcounty line to tangle with dogs, own an 0-2 series the Ariton Purple Cats. The record, and lost the last Rebels have a 12-39 all- meeting 19-8 in 2007. The time record in the series, Bulldogs have posted a winhave lost five of the last six ning record two of the last three seasons and last season averaged over 44 points per game.

Oct.30 Pl. Home (1A)

Zion Chapel will close out the regular season at home in a week #10 matchup with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels Zion Chapel will get to own a 9-5 series edge, have unpack its bags in week #8 win the last three meetings when it returns home for a and eight of the last ten, inregion clash against the cluding a 20-0 win last sea-Cottonwood Bears. The son. The Eagles have

Rebels and Bears will be struggled to three straight meeting for the first time in losing seasons and over the 17 years, and the Rebels last two years have posted a own an 0-3 series record 3-17 combined record.

Two cross-county rivals Brantley schedule includes non-region powers

The Brantley Bulldogs Sept. 18 Pl. Home (R) will be prohibitive favorites 2A rivals from inside Cren-

county line. this season's football sched-

Aug.28 Luverne (2A)

Brantley will kick off its bined record. season at home with a cross-county clash with the 2A Luverne Tigers, in the 86th meeting between the county rivals. The Bulldogs own a 29-55-3 series record meetings, including a 47-14 loss last season. The Tigers have posted five straight winning seasons and in the last three years own a 34-6 record.

Sept. 4 at, Kinston (R)

play on the road in a week #2 matchup with the Kinston Bulldogs. The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County own a 30-4 series record and have won 22 straight meetings, including a 55-13 win last season. The Bulldogs from Coffee County have struggled to two straight losing campaigns and in the two-year skid own a combined record

of 5-15.

Sept.11 McKenzie (R) Brantley will remain in the region wars in week #3 when it hosts the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 36-17-2 series edge against their longtime rivals, have won 18 of the last 19 meetings, and last season rolled to a 47-6 win. The Tigers have struggled to three straight losing seasons with Bulldogs own a 12-23-2 a combined record of 5-25.

VOTE

Brantley will stay at to claim their second home in week #4 when it straight Class 1A, Region 1 hosts the Pleasant Home title this season, but will Eagles, in a key region face a trio of non-region clash. The Bulldogs own a foes that include a pair of 19-1 series edge, have won 18 straight meetings, posted shaw County and a 5A a 35-0 win last season, and power from across the over the last four years have outscored their region rivals Following is a preview of 186-13. The Eagles have suffered three straight losing seasons and over the last two years have a 3-17 com-

Sept.25 at, High. Home Brantley will step away from the region wars in week #5 when they head up Highway 331 for a clash with the Highland Home and have lost the last five Flying Squadron. The Bulldogs own a 53-22 series edge and have won the last six matchups, including a 49-14 win in the last meeting back in 2015. The Flying Squadron posted a 3-7 record last season, with all Brantley will enter region seven losses being forfeits, and over the last two seasons in on-field play have

> posted a 22-2 slate. Oct. 2 at, Samson (R)

Brantley will jump back into region play in week #6 when it travels to Samson for a matchup against the Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs and Tigers have split their twelve regular season contests and will be meeting for the first time in 37 years, with the Bulldogs winning the last matchup 23-6 in 1983. The Tigers have posted three straight four-win seasons

post-season. Oct.9 at, Georgiana (R)

Brantley will head back on the road in week #7 when it travels for a key region clash against the Georgiana Panthers. The series record against their

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Brantley Bulldogs

2020 Football Schedule

Aug. 28	Luverne	Home	
Sept. 4	Kinston	Away	
Sept. 11	McKenzie	Home	
Sept. 18	Pleasant Home	Home	
Sept. 25	Highland Home	Away	
Oct. 2	Samson	Away	
Oct. 9	Georgiana	Away	
Oct. 16	Red Level	Home	
Oct. 23	Florala	Away	
Oct 30	Charles Henderson	Away	

snapped a four-game losing streak last season with a 61-

Oct. 16 Red Level (R) Brantley will be back home in week #8 and will re-

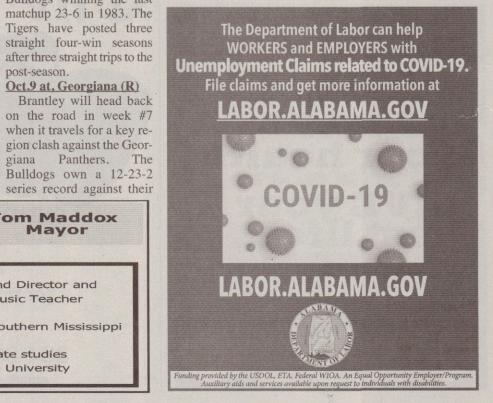
main in region play when it hosts the Red Level Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 42-14 series edge, have win 16 meetings, and last year Henderson Trojans. The posted a 41-13 win. The Bulldogs own an 0-4-1 Figers enjoyed their last winning season back in 2006 and over the last nine years have in 1957. The Trojans have suffered two 9-loss and three 10-loss seasons.

Oct. 23 at, Florala (R)

longtime region rivals and gion play in a week #9 clash on the road against the Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs 28 win. The Panthers strug- own a 23-3-1 series edge gled to a 5-6 record last and have won the last 22 season after winning 46 meetings, including a 55-14 games over the previous win last season. The Wildcats posted a 7-4 record last season, their first winning record since 2014.

Oct. 30 at. Charles Henderson (5A)

Brantley will close out regular season play in a week #10 road clash straight and 19 of the last 20 against the 5A Charles series record, and lost the last meeting 33-7 way back struggled to two straight losing seasons, but have advanced to post-season Brantley will close out re- play 10 straight years.



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pletion: Donald Smith CASE NO: PC 2020-013 Company, Inc., 746 East completion of a contract with LISHED SERVICE & Dump Trailer. habilitation. This notice will Walker, Personal Representative

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Affordable rates and prompt has completed the contract service. Senior citizen dis- requirements for the New IN THE MATTER OF Football Field Lighting at EUGENE GRANTHAM, Zion Chapel High School Deceased. persons having any claim ELBA DIVISION otherwise in connection with this project should no- NOTICE OF tify McKee and Associates PUBLICATION 334-281-0909

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Catherine West

LISHED Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Timeka Shaw, Personal Representative on

the 16th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson 7/23,30&8/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA **ELBA DIVISION**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF William Jonathan Jones

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36345 hereby gives notice of MENT TO BE PUB- the same will be barred.

Jack Water System, Inc. for Letters Testamentary of said construction of Contract No. deceased having been 2, Water Supply Well Regranted to Carla Jones GRANTHAM appear for four consecutive tative on the 16th day of weeks beginning July 16 and July, 2020, by the Honor- 7/30, 8-6,13-pd ending August 6, 2020. All able Jodee R. Thompson, claims in connection with this Judge of Probate Court of IN THE PROBATE project should be filed during Coffee County, notice is COURT OF COFFEE this period with the Engineer, hereby given that all per- COUNTY, ALABAMA David Hicks and Associates, sons having claims against 406 Dothan Road, Abbeville, said estate are hereby re- IN RE: THE ESTATE OF within time allowed by law BERRY or the same will be barred. Pike Road Electric Co., Jodee R. Thompson, Judge CASE NO. PC 2020-044 of Probate

for labor, materials, or CASE NO: PC-2020-043

Architects, 631 South Hull Letters of Testamentary of Street, Montgomery, Ala- said deceased having been bama 36104, 334-834- granted to the undersigned within the time allowed by 9933: Pike Road Electric on the 23rd day of July, law or the same will be Co., Inc. 367 Kershaw In- 2020, by the Honorable barred. dustrial Boulevard, Mont- Judge of the Probate Court /s/ Candace B. Forbes gomery, Alabama 36117, of Coffee County, Candace B. Forbes, Peti-Alabama, notice is hereby tioner's Signature given that all persons 8/6,13&20-pd.

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within 8/6-pd. Main Street, Headland, AL NOTICE OF APPOINT- the time allowed by law or Witness my hand this the 23rd day of July, 2020. MARY

quired to present the same EDWARD HAROLD DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINT-MENT TO BE PUB-LISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CANDACE B. FORBES, Personal Representative on the 23rd day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REBUILD ALABAMA PROJECT NO: RA-CCP 16-04-2020 COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 A.M., August 19, 2020, and at that time publicly open for constructing the following: RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC STRIPE

ON CR-110 FROM THE INTERSECTION AT SR-125 TO CR-105 COFFEE COUNTY, AL

The bracket estimate on this project is from \$475,000 to \$525,000. This bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award

The entire project shall be completed in TWENTY (20) working days.

A cashier's check (drawn on an Alabama bank) or bid bond payable to the Coffee County Commission for an amount of 5% of bid (maximum - \$10,000) must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

Proposals will be issued only to and accepted from contractors on the Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) List of Pre-Qualified Contractors. The award of the contract will be made only to a contractor who has a valid certification of qualification from ALDOT as required by State Law and will not be made to any bidder who is considered by ALDOT to be disqualified from bidding, or is an affiliate of or has a corporate officer, director, or principal owner who is a corporate officer, director, or owner of, another person who is presently disqualified by

Plans, Specifications and Proposals may be obtained at the Coffee County Engineer's Office, Highway 84, New Brockton, Alabama from 6:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday (telephone 334/894-6112).

Dean Smith, Chairman **Coffee County Commission**

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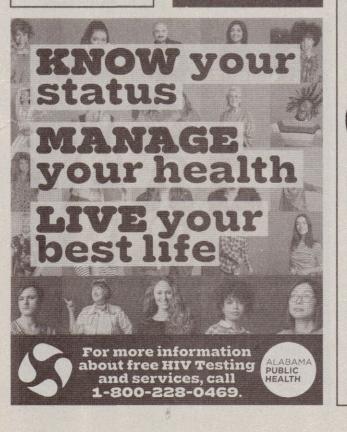
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local company. We are program can inquire grateful for Wayne Farms through their guidance and the opportunities they counselor, and information provide for our students." is also available through

Ian Campbell, director of both area community Workforce Development college for ESCC, explained. "We're working directly with industry to build a program to fill this need and also gives students opportunities here—that's the entire goal," said Campbell. "A apprenticeship program comes to work with skills make immediately valuable. With that kind of labor force available, this area is that

much more attractive to companies and business

locating here." Enterprise native and Wayne Farms Enterprise complex manager Eddie Fortner had already been working with local high schools and colleges to identify promising mechanical and technical students who might be interested in a career in the poultry industry, so the program's creation was a natural evolution. The local colleges toured facilities with the Wayne Farms team, looking at the kinds of tasks and skills required, and identifying skills needed to develop curriculum. The end result was a melding of in-class education and job site paid internships that when completed can lead to apprenticeships and the opportunity for full-time employment at a highly competitive salary. "It gives an opportunity to get good people who are ready to work and know what we need, and it allows local residents the opportunity to work close to home rather

As technology becomes more advanced in industry, these "new collar" positions will require skills to match, giving people a career opportunity instead of just a job. High school vocational and technical students interested in the

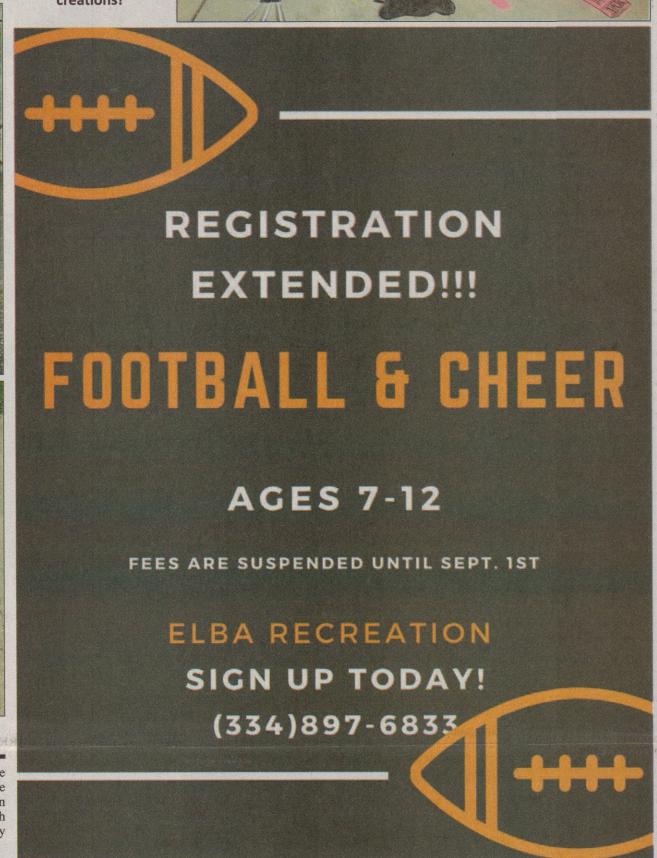
than commute or relocate to

find employment," said

Fortner.

These are additional chalk art creations completed by Melanie Diehl over the past few months in Elba. Citizens are encouraged to take a walk around the downtown sidewalks and check out all her creations!





Why Vote Tim Johnson for Mayor of Elba?

Here are Just a Few Good Reasons...

Native of Elba

"My father was a Baptist Minister, which took us away from Elba during my early years, but Elba was always our home. My family returned when I was in the 7th grade, and I am a 1981 graduate of Elba High School. A few years after college, I returned to Elba to raise my family. Through the years my family and I have been involved in community clubs, committees, and events to help promote Elba. Currently, we are active members of Elba United Methodist Church."

Successful Businessperson

"After returning to Elba, I served as Chief Financial Officer for Elba General Hospital and Nursing" Home. Upon ending my employment there in 1998, I owned H&R Block tax franchise offices for over 20 years. During this time, I oversaw the operations of local and remote locations and was responsible for the management and training of over 100 employees."

Growth and Expansion of Business

"I orchestrated the growth of a one office tax operation into one of the largest tax operations in the Eastern USA. Through the years of this growth, my organization was presented with numerous awards for client growth and exceptional management."

Strong Financial Background

"With years of business experience and an accounting degree, I have developed and adminstered large budgets for private funds and public funds. I understand the need for financial transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public dollars."

Economic Development Experience

"I understand we must actively and aggressively seek new businesses to come to Elba. I also understand we cannot sit and wait for businesses to come to Elba. I accompanied the former Mayor James Grimes and a delegation from Elba to Ohio for the initial visit with Toledo Molding and Dye to persuade them to bring their operation to Elba. I was also a part of the delegation that helped Elba achieve the Main Street designation. It is my desire to continue to persuade businesses to come to Elba."

Volunteer with the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA)

"The ERA is a committee of the City of Elba. The ERA holds buildings and properties, primarily located in downtown Elba, for business redevelopment. The committee has placed two new businesses in buildings in the past 2 1/2 years. The committee is dedicated to actively seeking uses for two more buildings in downtown Elba."

Believes in the Potential of Elba

"My personal investments in the City of Elba, with the renovating of various homes and commercial buildings and property in Elba, show I believe in Elba's future and its potential. Elba is a diverse city with diverse needs, and I believe each part of the city

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, Vote to Elect Tim Johnson, Mayor of Elba!!

"Put Tim's Experience to Work for Elba!"

Got a Matter You Want to Discuss... Feel Free to Contact Tim! timjohnsonformayor@gmail.com or (334) 303-9840

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Tim Johnson Mayoral Campaign Committee, PO Box 447, Elba, AL 36323

More 'top readers' from the Elba Library's Summer Learning Program



4th Grader AnnaKate Isaacs read 1,133 pages over the 6th Grader Trent Thompson read 1,731 pages over the 4th Grader Alana Barton read 2,821 pages over the course of the summer program.



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VOTE CHELSEA COOPER

THE MAYOR FOR ELBA'S FUTURE!



Born and raised in Elba, Alabama, Chelsea is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. Chelsea pursued her undergraduate at the University of South Alabama before attending law school on a full scholarship at the University of Alabama. Gavin and Chelsea chose to return to their hometown of Elba to raise their family. They have two wonderful daughters, Cora (7) and Farris (3).

THE ISSUES...

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Chelsea is committed to recruiting new small business and industry to Elba while also supporting the growth and development of the businesses that have made the commitment to stay in Elba. We want our children to have the opportunity to stay in Elba and thrive in their careers.

CRIME & HOMELESSNESS: You should feel safe in your home. Elba needs strong leadership to encourage Police to investigate crimes, secure warrants, and arrest criminals. Elba needs a proactive approach in tackling the issues of drug abuse and homelessness, which are far too widespread in a town of 4,000 citizens.

HOUSING AND RECREATION: Chelsea believes that, in order to recruit new businesses and industry, you must have a town in which people want to live. Elba has an abundance of natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts, as well as family friendly parks, and an active recreation department. Chelsea also believes that new housing development is critical to attracting the young families that Elba is consistently losing to neighboring towns.

SCHOOLS: As graduates of Elba High School with children coming up in the Elba City School system, Chelsea and Gavin are committed advocates for excellence in our city schools.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Chelsea believes that our citizens deserve wellmaintained streets and that the City of Elba should prioritize repairs and paving based on severity of the problem, not what street it's on.



Pd. Pol. Adv. by Committee to Elect Chelsea Cooper, PO Box 528, Elba, AL 36323



1st Grader Colton Dye read 1,073 pages over the course over the course of the of the summer program.



1st Grader Tykiem Flowers read 592 pages

Surging COVID-19 cases lengthen turnaround time for testing

The State of Alabama COVID-19 cases. While there has been a recent decline in the percentage of

The "turnaround time," reagents, an overall

increased demand for tests return to work is not continues to experience nationwide, and in some recommended by the increases in the number of cases, increased numbers of Centers for Disease Control unnecessary tests.

persons who test positive, testing performed in all persons with a known the state is currently facing Alabama by commercial exposure to a COVID-19 a surge that has laboratories and the state positive case should overwhelmed Alabama's laboratory is now averaging quarantine for at least 14 ability to provide test about 7 days. The Alabama results within the 2- to Department of Public not eliminate this 3-day turnaround time Health (ADPH) recognizes requirement for quarantine needed to expeditiously that this is too long and when the person is a close make quarantine and care asks for consumers and contact to a COVID-19 providers to help in making symptomatic which is the time from sure that those who are another diagnosis. when specimens are most vulnerable become For specific information received in the laboratory to the focus for testing: the of Isolation and Quarantine reporting of the results, is elderly, those in congregate Guidance increasing due to a number living settings, healthcare https://alabamapublichealth. of factors, including supply personnel, those with gov/covid19/assets/cov-tim chain issues with test symptoms consistent with eframes-isolation-quarantin COVID-19 and those with e.pdf for non-healthcare most at risk.

employee is allowed to personnel.

and Prevention or by The current turnaround ADPH. In addition, all time for most COVID-19 persons with symptoms and days. A negative test does physicians and other positive case or remains

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